

HOUSE No. 2089

By Mr. Fennell of Lynn, petition of Robert F. Fennell for legislation to restrict certain children as passengers in front seats of motor vehicles. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CHILD SAFETY IN MOTOR VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 after section 7CC the following section:—
- 3 Section 7DD. No child four years of age or less shall ride as a
- 4 passenger in the front seat of any motor vehicle which has a back
- 5 seat.
- 6 No child eleven years of age or less shall ride in the front seat
- 7 of a private passenger motor vehicle equipped with an exploding
- 8 type air bag safety device located on the passenger's side of said
- 9 motor vehicle.
- 10 The provisions of this section shall not apply in emergency sit-
- 11 uations. An emergency is defined as circumstances that would
- 12 lead a reasonable person to the conclusion that the provisions of
- 13 this section shall not apply at the time.